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SENATE RESOLUTION 188  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Alicia Collins upon winning the English-Speaking Union's National Shakespeare Competition in New York.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young people who, through their extraordinary talents and steadfast efforts, have distinguished themselves as outstanding Tennesseans of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary citizen is Alicia Collins of Clarksville who recently won the English-Speaking Union's National Shakespeare Competition; and

WHEREAS, at the national competition held at Lincoln Center in New York, Ms. Collins competed against fifty-six of the best high school thespians from across the Nation; she gave an exhilarating and stunning performance of a monologue from Act IV, Scene IV of *Titus Andronicus*, a recitation of Shakespeare's Sonnet 116, and a reading, after only ten minutes preparation, from *The Taming of the Shrew*; and

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WHEREAS, sponsored by the English Speaking Union of the United States, the National Shakespeare Competition, which was started in 1983, is designed to provide teachers with a tool to encourage student interest in Shakespeare; and

WHEREAS, this year's National Shakespeare Competition began with 56 local contests involving over 1500 students; during the competition at Lincoln Center, the fifty-six contest winners were narrowed down to 10 finalists who performed before a panel of judges, as well as an audience of family, friends, and the forty-six competitors who did not qualify for the finals; and

WHEREAS, for her spectacular performances, Alicia Collins was awarded a three-volume set of *Shakespeare's World and Work* and a three-week summer course on Shakespeare at Oxford University in England this summer; and

WHEREAS, under the guidance of her Theater Coach, Dee Pennington, Ms. Collins prepared for the competition via diligent study and participation in a variety of drama, theater, and speaking engagements; and

WHEREAS, currently a Senior at Kenwood High School in Clarksville, this talented young woman plans to attend Middle Tennessee State University this fall with the aspiration of becoming a Television Reporter; and

WHEREAS, her extraordinary accomplishment is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her community, and this great State; and

WHEREAS, at the National Shakespeare Competition, Alicia Collins represented the State of Tennessee and its citizenry with the utmost dignity, grace, and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of this General Assembly to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Collins for her significant achievements; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby congratulate Alicia Collins upon winning the English-Speaking Union's National Shakespeare Competition, recognize her

considerable talent and extraordinary work ethic, commend her admirable performance at the National Competition in New York, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.